Nursing Colleges in Rajasthan

345. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nusing Colleges functioning, at present, in the State of Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up any new Nursing College specially for those living in far-flung areas of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There is only one College of Nursing functioning in Rajasthan at Jaipur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Opening of Colleges of Nursing comes within the purview of the State Government.

Malnutrition and related diseases

346.SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malnutrition problem and related diseases are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eradicate such problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The malnutrition levels in the country are not increasing but have been gradually reducing as per the facts given below:

(i) Protein energy malnutrition in the children has been reduced from 68.6% in 1988—90 to 47% in 1998-99.